

Retrieving and processing agrometeorological data from API-client sources using R software

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Abstract

The purpose of this publication is to help end-users of weather data with agronomic purposes (students, researchers, farmers, advisors, etc.) to download and process gridded weather data from different Application Programming Interfaces (API client) sources using R software. This document is a tutorial developed in R that is part of the data-curation process from numerous research projects carried out at the Ciampitti's Lab, Department of Agronomy, Kansas State University. We make use of three weather databases for which specific libraries were developed in R language: i) DAYMET, ii) NASA-POWER, and iii) Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation with Station Data (CHIRPS). These databases offer different weather variables, and vary in terms of spatio-temporal coverage and resolution. This tutorial shows and explains how to retrieve weather data from multiple locations at once using latitude and longitude coordinates. In addition, it offers the possibility to create relevant secondary variables and summaries that are of agronomic interest such as Shannon diversity index of precipitation, growing degree days, extreme precipitation and temperature events, reference evapotranspiration, among others. This tutorial may serve for multiple purposes, including but not limited to research, crop yield forecast models, crop simulation models, and crop advising.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Description

This code is intended to help end-users of agroclimatological data (e.g. students, researchers, farmers, advisors) to download and process open-source gridded-weather data from different Application Programming Interfaces sources (API client) using R-software.

The tutorial makes use of three existing libraries developed for R-software (Table 1): i) *daymetr*^a, ii) *nasapower*^b, and iii) *chirps*^c. Basic details are provided in **Table 1**. Specific features and functionalities can be further explored at the links below (^{a-b-c}). These libraries come with different variables by default. Particularly, DAYMET offers the best combination of agrometeorological variables at the highest spatial resolution ($\sim 1 \text{ km}^{-2}$). However, the spatial coverage of DAYMET only includes North America. At a global scale, NASA-POWER offers the most complete set of variables, nonetheless, at a much lower spatial resolution ($\sim 50 \text{ km}^{-2}$). Lastly, CHIRPS offers global data only for precipitations, however, with a better spatial resolution ($\sim 5 \text{ km}^{-2}$) than NASA-POWER.

Table 1. Basic description of API-client weather databases available in R software.

Database	Coverage	Spatio-Temporal Resolution	Time Coverage	Reference
DAYMET ^a	Canada, United States, Mexico	daily, 0.01° , $\sim 1 \text{ km}^2$	1980 - present	Thornton et al. (2019)
NASA-POWER ^b	Global	daily, 0.5° , $\sim 50 \text{ km}^2$	1981 - present	Sparks (2018)
CHIRPS ^c	50°S to 50°N , all longitudes	daily, 0.05° , $\sim 5 \text{ km}^2$	1981 - present (45 days-lag)	Funk et al. (2015)

^a <https://github.com/bluegreen-labs/daymetr>;

^b <https://github.com/ropensci/nasapower>;

^c <https://github.com/ropensci/chirps>

During the tutorial: i) we provide lines of code showing how to download daily-weather data (**Section 2**), and ii) we offer the option to generate new variables and summaries for different time intervals or periods either historical or during the cropping season (**Sections 3 to 5**).

This code was generated using R version 4.0.3 (Linux-GNU, 64-bit) and R-studio v1.2.5042. Original file is R Markdown (*.rmd) with code in chunks.

1.2 Loading packages

```
library(easypackages) # Load and/or install packages if not installed
libraries('tidyverse') # Data wrangling
libraries('lubridate') # Dates operations
libraries('kableExtra') # Table formatting
libraries('daymetr','chirps','nasapower') # Weather databases
libraries('vegan') # Shannon Diversity Index
```

1.3 Input example

1.3.1 Creating within R

In the next chunk we create a data-table with the required formats. Please, note that we use YYYY_MM_DD format, using "_" as separator to avoid format conflicts if data is generated in Spreadsheet software such as Excel, LibreCalc, or similar. Data will be later transformed to Date-format during the code.

The user could use either the provided example, or he/she might use it as a template to fill it out with pertinent data. Each row will represent a unique site/location, and key metadata such as lat-lon coordinates, and key dates will be represented by columns. At least, user must provided "Start" and "End" dates.

```
# Coordinates of each site (site names must be unique)
# Each site is a row
# Date for each site in columns
df.site <- data.frame(ID = c('1','2','3'),
                     Crop = c('Corn','Wheat','Soy'),
                     Site = c('Scandia','Belleville','Ottawa'),
                     # Both coordinates in decimal format
                     latitude = c(39.8291,39.8158,38.5398),
                     longitude = c(-97.8458,-97.6720,-95.2446))

# Specify key dates. Typically, dates relate to phenological stages
# Each date must be a column
df.time <- data.frame(ID = c('1','2','3'),
                      # Dates as YYYY_MM_DD, using "_" to separate
                      Start = c('2002_04_25','2005_10_15','2010_05_20'),
                      Flo = c('2002_07_15','2006_04_15','2010_07_05'),
                      SeFi = c('2002_08_15','2006_05_01','2010_08_15'),
                      End = c('2002_09_30','2006_06_20','2010_10_10'))

# For historical data
df.historical <- data.frame(ID = c('1','2','3'),
                            # Dates as YYYY_MM_DD, using "_" to separate
                            Start = c('2000_01_01','2000_01_01','2000_01_01'),
```

```

End = c('2019_12_31', '2019_12_31', '2019_12_31'))

# Merging sites and dates
# Option 1. Seasonal weather data
df.input <- df.site %>% left_join(df.time)

# Option 2 . Historical weather data
df.historical <- df.site %>% left_join(df.historical)

```

1.3.2 Creating a .csv template

Here we export the example tables to “csv” format to use as templates

```

write.csv(df.input, 'Example_input.csv', row.names = F, na='')
write.csv(df.historical, 'Example_input_historical.csv', row.names = F, na='')

```

1.3.3 Importing a .csv file

Here we import your table from the csv file, and show how input tables should look like right after importing:

1.3.3.1 Seasonal

```

path = paste0(getwd(), '/') # Current directory or any path.
# Place your file in the current working directory (getwd)

# Input seasonal data
file_input = paste0(path, 'Example_input.csv') # Change to your file

# Open seasonal file
df.input <- read.table(file_input, sep=',', header = TRUE) %>%
  mutate_at(vars(6:ncol(.)), ~as.Date(., format='%Y_%m_%d'))

# View Seasonal
kable(df.input) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = c("striped"), position = "center", font_size = 10)

```

ID	Crop	Site	latitude	longitude	Start	Flo	SeFi	End
1	Corn	Scandia	39.8291	-97.8458	2002-04-25	2002-07-15	2002-08-15	2002-09-30
2	Wheat	Belleville	39.8158	-97.6720	2005-10-15	2006-04-15	2006-05-01	2006-06-20
3	Soy	Ottawa	38.5398	-95.2446	2010-05-20	2010-07-05	2010-08-15	2010-10-10

1.3.3.2 Historical

```

path = paste0(getwd(), '/') # Current directory or any path.
# Place your file in the current working directory (getwd)

# Input historical data
file_historical = paste0(path, 'Example_input_historical.csv') # Change to your file

# Open historical file
df.historical <- read.table(file_historical, sep=',', header = TRUE) %>%
  mutate_at(vars(6:ncol(.)), ~as.Date(., format='%Y_%m_%d'))

# View Historical
kable(df.historical) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = c("striped"), position = "center", font_size = 10)

```

ID	Crop	Site	latitude	longitude	Start	End
1	Corn	Scandia	39.8291	-97.8458	2000-01-01	2019-12-31
2	Wheat	Belleville	39.8158	-97.6720	2000-01-01	2019-12-31
3	Soy	Ottawa	38.5398	-95.2446	2000-01-01	2019-12-31

2 RETRIEVING & PROCESSING DATA

During the next chunks of code we will retrieve and process the weather data from the above-mentioned sources.

Starting dates

If the user is interested in weather of periods PRIOR to planting, he/she can define the number of Days Prior Planting (dpp) inside each “weather.source” function. By default, dpp = 0.

Historical weather

If the user is interested in retrieving weather from multiple years at each location, there are two main options: i) define the years as “rows” of the input data table with Start and End dates as Jan 1st and Dec 31st, respectively; or ii) define the Start date of the initial year, and End date of the final year of the series.

The example here includes a separated input for historical weather (df.historical).

Extra variables

Neither of the databases provide data on reference evapotranspiration (ET_0). However, using DAYMET and NASA-POWER, it is possible to estimate ET_0 using the Hargreaves and Samani approach, which only requires temperature information (Hargreaves and Samani, 1985; Raziei and Pereira, 2013). However, the ET_{0-HS} equation is reported to give unreliable estimates for daily ET_0 and therefore it should be used for 10-day periods at the shortest (Cobaner et al., 2017).

$$ET_0 = 0.0135 k_{Rs} \frac{R_a}{\lambda} \sqrt{(T_{max} - T_{min})(T_{mean} + 17.8)}$$

where, ET_0 is the reference evapotranspiration (mm d^{-1}), k_{Rs} is the radiation adjustment coefficient (Hargreaves and Samani, 1982), R_a is the extraterrestrial radiation (Ra) values as suggested by Cobaner et al. (2017), and λ is the latent heat of vapourization (MJ kg^{-1}) for the mean temperature (T_{mean}).

$$R_a = \frac{24(60)}{\pi} G_{sc} d_r [\omega_s \sin(\phi) \sin(\delta) + \cos(\phi) \cos(\delta) \sin(\omega_s)]$$

where, R_a is extraterrestrial radiation [$\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$], G_{sc} is the solar constant = 0.0820 $\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{min}^{-1}$, d_r is the inverse relative distance Earth–Sun, ω_s is the sunset hour angle (rad), ϕ is latitude expressed in radians, and δ is the solar declination (rad).

$$d_r = 1 + 0.033 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{365} \text{DOY}\right)$$

$$\omega_s = \arccos[-\tan(\phi) \tan(\delta)]$$

$$\lambda = 0.409 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{365} \text{DOY} - 1.39\right)$$

```
# Constants for ET0 (Cobaner et al., 2017)
# Solar constant
Gsc = 0.0820 # (MJ m-2 min-1)
# Radiation adjustment coefficient (Samani, 2004)
kRs = 0.17
```

2.1 DAYMET function

Here we download the daily-weather data from the DAYMET database, and we process it to obtain common variables of agronomic value.

```
# Function
weather.daymet <- function(input, dpp=0){ input %>%
  mutate(Weather = pmap(list(ID = ID,
                             lat = latitude,
                             lon = longitude,
                             sta = Start - dpp,
                             end = End),

# Retrieving daymet data
  function(ID,lat,lon,sta,end){
    download_daymet(site = ID,
                    lat = lat, lon = lon,
                    # Extracting year
                    start = as.numeric(substr(sta,1,4)),
                    end = as.numeric(substr(end,1,4)),
                    internal = T, simplify = T))}) %>%

# Organizing dataframe (Re-arranging rows and columns)
  mutate(Weather = Weather %>%

# Adjusting dates format
  map(~mutate(.,
              Date = as.Date(as.numeric(yday)-1, # Day of the year
                             origin = paste0(year,'-01-01')),
              Year = year(Date),
              Month = month(Date),
              Day = mday(Date))) %>%

# Renaming variables
  map(~dplyr::select(., yday, Year, Month, Day, Date,
                    measurement,value)) %>%
  map(~spread(., 'measurement', 'value')) %>%
  map(~rename_all(., ~c("DOY", # Date as Day of the year
                        "Year", # Year
                        "Month", # Month
                        "Day", # Day of the month
                        "Date", # Date as normal format
                        "DL", # Day length (sec)
                        "PP", # Precipitation (mm)
                        "Rad", # Radiation (W/m2)
                        "SWE", # Snow water (kg/m2)
                        "Tmax", # Max. temp. (degC)
                        "Tmin", # Min. temp. (degC)
                        "VPD")))) %>% # Vap Pres Def (Pa)
```

```

mutate(Weather = pmap(list(sta=Start-dpp,
                          end = End,data=Weather), # Requested period
                      #~filter(..3, Date>=..1 & Date<= ..2))) %>% unnest() %>%
function(sta, end, data){
  filter(data, Date >= sta & Date <= end)
} )) %>% unnest(cols = c(Weather)) %>%

# Converting units or adding variables
mutate(Rad = Rad*0.000001*DL, # Radiation (W/m2 to MJ/m2)
       Tmean = (Tmax+Tmin)/2, # Mean temperature (degC),
       VPD = VPD / 1000, # VPD (Pa to kPa),
       # Creating variables for ETO estimation
       lat_rad = latitude*0.0174533,
       dr = 1 + 0.033*cos((2*pi/365)*DOY),
       Sd = 0.409*sin((2*pi/365)*DOY - 1.39),
       ws = acos(-tan(lat_rad)*tan(Sd)),
       Ra = (24*60)/(pi) * Gsc * dr * (ws*sin(lat_rad)*sin(Sd)+
                                       cos(lat_rad)*sin(ws)),
       ETO_HS = 0.0135 * kRs * (Ra / 2.45) * (sqrt(Tmax-Tmin)) * (Tmean + 17.8),
       DL = (DL/60)/60 # Day length (hours)
       ) %>% dplyr::select(-lat_rad,-dr,-Sd,-ws,-Ra)
}

```

2.1.1 Run “weather.daymet”

```

# Specify input = dataframe containing sites-data
# Specify Days prior planting. Default is dpp = 0. Here we use dpp = 30.

weather.daymet(input = df.input, dpp = 30) -> df.weather.daymet

# Exporting data as a .csv file
write.csv(df.weather.daymet, row.names = F, na='',
          file = paste0(path, 'Output_daymet.csv'))

#View(df.weather.daymet)

```

2.2 NASA-POWER function

Here we download the daily-weather data from the NASA-POWER database, and we process it to obtain common variables of agronomic value. For the specific case of vapour pressure deficit (VPD), it is not a default weather variable reported by NASA-POWER. However, it is possible to estimate VPD (kPa) using the approach suggested by Allen et al. (1998):

$$\text{VPD (kPa)} = e_s - e_a$$

where, e_s and e_a are the saturated and actual vapour pressures.

$$e_s = 0.6108 * e^{\frac{17.27 * T_{mean}}{T_{mean} + 237.3}}$$

$$e_a = e_s * \frac{RH}{100}$$

```
weather.nasapower <- function(input, dpp=0){input %>%  
  
# Retrieving the data from nasapower  
mutate(Weather = pmap(list(ID = ID,  
                           lat = latitude,  
                           lon = longitude,  
                           sta = Start - dpp,  
                           end = End),  
function(ID,lat,lon,sta,end){  
get_power(community = "AG",  
           dates = c(sta,end),  
           lonlat = c(lon,lat),  
           temporal_average = "DAILY",  
           # Variables (see package documents)  
           pars = c("T2M_MIN", # Min. temp. (degC)  
                   "T2M_MAX", # Max temp. (degC)  
                   "RH2M", # Relative Humidity 2M  
                   "PRECTOT", # Precipitation (mm)  
                   "ALLSKY_SFC_SW_DWN"))} ) ) %>% # Radiation (MJ/m2)  
  
# Organizing dataframe (Re-arranging rows and columns)  
mutate(Weather = Weather %>%  
# For loops operation  
map(~as.data.frame(.)) %>%  
# Adjusting dates format  
map(~mutate(., yday = lubridate::yday(YYYYMMDD),  
           Year = year(YYYYMMDD),  
           Month = month(YYYYMMDD),  
           Day = mday(YYYYMMDD))) %>%  
# Selecting variables of interest  
map(~dplyr::select(., yday,Year, Month, Day,YYYYMMDD,  
                   T2M_MIN,T2M_MAX,RH2M,
```

```

PRECOTOT,ALLSKY_SFC_SW_DWN)) %>%
# Renaming variables
map(~rename_all(., ~c("DOY", # Day of the Year
                      "Year", # Year
                      "Month", # Month
                      "Day", # Day of the month
                      "Date", # Date
                      "Tmin", # Min. temp. (degC)
                      "Tmax", # Max. temp. (degC)
                      "RH", # Relative Humidity (%)
                      "PP", # Precipitation (mm)
                      "Rad")))) %>% # Radiation (MJ/m2)

unnest(cols = c(Weather)) %>% ungroup() %>%
# Converting units or adding variables
mutate(Tmean = (Tmax+Tmin)/2, # Mean temp. (degC)
       # Nasapower does not provide VPD values
       # However, it is possible to estimate it with Temp and RH.
       es = 0.6108 * exp((17.27*Tmean) / (Tmean+237.3)),
       ea = es * (RH / 100),
       # vapour Pressure deficit (kPa)
       VPD = es - ea,
       # Data for ETO
       lat_rad = latitude*0.0174533,
       dr = 1 + 0.033*cos((2*pi/365)*DOY),
       Sd = 0.409*sin((2*pi/365)*DOY - 1.39),
       ws = acos(-tan(lat_rad)*tan(Sd)),
       Ra = (24*60)/(pi) * Gsc * dr * (ws*sin(lat_rad)*sin(Sd)+
                                       cos(lat_rad)*sin(ws)),
       ETO_HS = 0.0135 * kRs * (Ra / 2.45) * (sqrt(Tmax-Tmin)) * (Tmean + 17.8)
       ) %>% dplyr::select(-es,-ea,-lat_rad,-dr,-Sd,-ws,-Ra)
}

```

2.2.1 Run “weather.nasapower”

```

# Specify input = dataframe containing sites-data
# Specify Days prior planting. Default is dpp = 0. Here we use dpp = 30.

weather.nasapower(input = df.input, dpp = 30) -> df.weather.nasapower

# Exporting data as a .csv file
write.csv(df.weather.nasapower, row.names = F, na='',
         file = paste0(path, 'Output_nasapower.csv'))

#View(df.weather.nasapower)

```

2.3 CHIRPS function

Here we download the daily-weather data from the CHIRPS database, and we process it to obtain common variables of agronomic value.

```
weather.chirps <- function(input, dpp=0){ input %>%  
  
# Retrieving the data from CHIRPS  
  mutate(Weather = pmap(list(ID = ID,  
                            lat = latitude,  
                            lon = longitude,  
                            sta = Start - dpp,  
                            end = End),  
                    function(ID,lat,lon,sta,end){  
  get_chirps(data.frame(lon = c(lon), lat = c(lat)),  
                c(as.character(sta),as.character(end)))}) ,  
  
# Get prec. indices  
  Indices = Weather %>% map(~precip_indices(., timeseries = TRUE,  
                                           intervals = 30))) %>%  
  
# Organizing dataframe (Re-arranging rows and columns)  
  mutate(Weather = Weather %>%  
  
# For loops operations  
    map(~as.data.frame(.)) %>%  
    map(~dplyr::select(., date,chirps)) %>%  
  
# Adjusting dates format  
    map(~mutate(., yday = lubridate::yday(date),  
               Year = year(date),  
               Month = month(date),  
               Day = mday(date))) %>%  
  
# Selecting columns of interest  
    map(~dplyr::select(., yday, Year, Month, Day, date,chirps)) %>%  
    map(~rename_all(., ~c("DOY", "Year", "Month", "Day","Date", "PP"))),  
  
# Obtaining Precipitation indices  
# Check CHIRPS documentation for further details  
  Indices = Indices %>%  
    map(~as.data.frame(.)) %>%  
    map(~spread(., 'index', 'value')) %>%  
    map(~dplyr::select(., -id,-lon,-lat)) %>%  
    map(~rename(., Date = date))) %>%  
  
  mutate(Full = map2(.x=Weather, .y=Indices, ~left_join(.x,.y))) %>%  
  dplyr::select(-Weather, -Indices) %>% unnest(cols = c(Full))  
  
}
```

2.3.1 Run “weather.chirps”

```
# Specify input = dataframe containing sites-data  
# Specify Days prior planting. Default is dpp = 0. Here we use dpp = 30.  
  
weather.chirps(input = df.input, dpp = 30) -> df.weather.chirps  
  
# Exporting data as a .csv file  
write.csv(df.weather.chirps, row.names = F, na='',  
          file = paste0(path, 'Output_chirps.csv'))  
  
#View(df.weather.chirps)
```

3 TIME INTERVALS

In this section we create time intervals during the cropping season using pre-specified dates as columns at the initial data table with site information. The user can apply: i) a unique seasonal interval (season), ii) even intervals (even), or iii) customized intervals (custom).

3.1 FULL SEASON interval

```
# Defining season-intervals
season <- df.input %>%
  mutate(Intervals = # Create
    map2(.x=Start, .y=End,
      ~data.frame( # New data
        Interval = c("Season"),
        Start.in = c(.x),
        End.in = c(.y) ) ) ) %>%

# Selecting columns
dplyr::select(ID, Site, Intervals) %>% unnest(cols = c(Intervals))

# Creating a table to visualize results
kable(season) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = c("striped"), position = "center", font_size = 10)
```

ID	Site	Interval	Start.in	End.in
1	Scandia	Season	2002-04-25	2002-09-30
2	Belleville	Season	2005-10-15	2006-06-20
3	Ottawa	Season	2010-05-20	2010-10-10

3.2 EVEN intervals

```
n = 4 # Number of intervals
dpp = 30 # Number of days prior planting, if needed.

# Defining even-intervals
even <- df.input %>%
  mutate(Intervals = # Create
    map2(.x=Start, .y=End,
      ~data.frame( # New data
        Interval = c("Prev", LETTERS[1:n+1]),
        Start.in = c(.x-dpp, seq.Date(.x, .y+1, length.out=n+1)[1:n] ),
        End.in = c(.x-1, seq.Date(.x, .y+1, length.out=n+1)[2:(n+1)])) ) %>%

# Selecting columns
dplyr::select(ID, Site, Intervals) %>% unnest(cols = c(Intervals))
```

```
# Creating a table to visualize results
kable(even) %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = c("striped"), position = "center", font_size = 10)
```

ID	Site	Interval	Start.in	End.in
1	Scandia	Prev	2002-03-26	2002-04-24
1	Scandia	B	2002-04-25	2002-06-03
1	Scandia	C	2002-06-03	2002-07-13
1	Scandia	D	2002-07-13	2002-08-22
1	Scandia	E	2002-08-22	2002-10-01
2	Belleville	Prev	2005-09-15	2005-10-14
2	Belleville	B	2005-10-15	2005-12-16
2	Belleville	C	2005-12-16	2006-02-16
2	Belleville	D	2006-02-16	2006-04-19
2	Belleville	E	2006-04-19	2006-06-21
3	Ottawa	Prev	2010-04-20	2010-05-19
3	Ottawa	B	2010-05-20	2010-06-25
3	Ottawa	C	2010-06-25	2010-07-31
3	Ottawa	D	2010-07-31	2010-09-05
3	Ottawa	E	2010-09-05	2010-10-11

3.3 CUSTOM intervals

```
# Counting # intervals
i = ncol(df.input[,6:ncol(df.input)]) # Number of intervals

#
df.input = df.input %>%
  # Reformat Reference dates for operations
  # Modify names and Number of dates as needed
  # Here we follow the example of df.input
  # with 4 dates named as Start (Plant), Flo, SeFi, & End
  mutate_at(vars(6:ncol(.)),
             ~str_replace_all(as.character(.), '-', '_')) %>%
  mutate_at(vars(6:ncol(.)), ~as.Date(., format='%Y_%m_%d')) %>% data.frame()

# Defining custom-intervals
custom <- df.input %>%
  mutate(Intervals = # Create
         pmap(list(x = Start - dpp,
                  y = Start,
                  z = Flo,
                  m = SeFi,
                  k = End),
              function(x,y,z,m,k){
                data.frame( # New data
```

```

Interval = c(LETTERS[1:i]),
Name = c("Prev", "Plant-Flo", "Flo-SeFi", "SeFi-End"),
Start.in = c(x,y,z,m),
End.in = c(y-1,z-1,m-1,k) ) } ) ) %>%
# Selecting columns
dplyr::select(ID,Site,Intervals) %>% unnest(cols = c(Intervals))

# Creating a table to visualize results
kable(custom) %>%
kable_styling(latex_options = c("striped"), position = "center", font_size = 10)

```

ID	Site	Interval	Name	Start.in	End.in
1	Scandia	A	Prev	2002-03-26	2002-04-24
1	Scandia	B	Plant-Flo	2002-04-25	2002-07-14
1	Scandia	C	Flo-SeFi	2002-07-15	2002-08-14
1	Scandia	D	SeFi-End	2002-08-15	2002-09-30
2	Belleville	A	Prev	2005-09-15	2005-10-14
2	Belleville	B	Plant-Flo	2005-10-15	2006-04-14
2	Belleville	C	Flo-SeFi	2006-04-15	2006-04-30
2	Belleville	D	SeFi-End	2006-05-01	2006-06-20
3	Ottawa	A	Prev	2010-04-20	2010-05-19
3	Ottawa	B	Plant-Flo	2010-05-20	2010-07-04
3	Ottawa	C	Flo-SeFi	2010-07-05	2010-08-14
3	Ottawa	D	SeFi-End	2010-08-15	2010-10-10

4 SEASONAL SUMMARIES

For each of the period or interval of interest a variety of variables can be created. Here, we present a set of variables that can capture environmental variations that might be missing by analyzing standard weather data (precipitations, temperature, radiation). These variables represent an example that was used for studying influence of weather in corn yields by Correndo et al. (2021).

Table 2. Secondary weather variables that summarize specified time intervals during the cropping-season.

Variable	Units	Description	Reference
SDI	-	<i>Shannon Diversity Index.</i> Measures distribution during a period of time. 0 = complete unevenness (all rain in 1 day), 1 = complete evenness (equal rain each day of the period).	Tremblay et al. (2012)
AWDR	mm	<i>Abundant and Well-Distributed Water.</i> Proxy of rainfall effectiveness. Weighs PP*SDI.	Tremblay et al. (2012)
EPE	No.	<i>Extreme Precipitation Events.</i> Number of days with precipitation > 25 mm (~1"). Proxy of excessive rainfall occurrence	Puntel et al. (2019); Correndo et al. (2021)
ETE	No.	<i>Extreme Temperature Events.</i> Number of days with Tmax > a certain thershold (e.g., 30°C). Proxy of heat stress risk	Butler and Huybers (2013); Ye et al. (2017)
CHU	°C	<i>Accumulated Crop Heat Units.</i> Thermal time. Assumes no crop growth if day temperature (Tmax) < 10°C, and night temperature (Tmin) < 4.4°C. Crop development halts with Tmax > 30°C. Developed for corn	Bootsma et al. (2005)
GDD	°C	<i>Accumulated Growing Degree Days.</i> Thermal time over base temperature. Assumes constant growth with Tmin < 10°C and Tmax >30. Tmin and Tmax thresholds depends on the crop.	Kumudini et al. (2014)
Q	MJ m ⁻² °C ⁻¹	<i>Photothermal quotient.</i> Availability of radiation per unit of thermal time (CHU or GDD)	Bannayan et al. (2004)

4.1 Summary function - DAYMET & NASA-POWER

```
# Defining the function to summarize DAYMET and/or NASA-POWER
summary.daymet.nasapower <- function(input, intervals) {

  intervals %>%

# Merging weather data
  left_join(input %>%
# Nesting weather data back for each site-ID
  dplyr::select_if(
    names(.) %in% c("ID", "Crop", "Site", "Date", "DL", "PP",
                   "Rad", "Tmax", "Tmin", "Tmean", "VPD", "ETO_HS")) %>%
  group_by(ID, Crop, Site) %>% nest(.key = 'Weather') %>% ungroup() %>%

  mutate(Weather = pmap(list(x = Start.in, y = End.in, data = Weather),
                        function(x, y, data){
                          filter(data, Date >= x & Date < y)})) %>%

  mutate(Weather = Weather %>% # User must adapt depending on the crop
         map(~mutate(.,
                    # Ext. Prec. event
                    EPEi = case_when(PP>25~1, TRUE~0),
                    # Ext.Temp. event
                    ETEi = case_when(Tmax >= 30~1, TRUE~0),
                    # Tmax factor, crop heat units (CHU)
                    Ymax = case_when(Tmax < 10~0,
                                       TRUE ~ 3.33*(Tmax-10)-0.084*(Tmax-10)),
                    # Tmin factor, Crop heat units (CHU)
                    Ymin = case_when(Tmin<4.44~0,
                                       TRUE ~ 1.8*(Tmin-4.44)),
                    # Daily CHU
                    Yavg = (Ymax+Ymin)/2,
                    # Tmin threshold Growing Degrees.
                    Gmin = case_when(Tmin >= 10 ~ Tmin,
                                       TRUE ~ 10),
                    # Tmax threshold Growing Degrees.
                    Gmax = case_when(Tmax <= 30 ~ Tmax,
                                       TRUE ~ 30),
                    # Daily Growing Degree Units.
                    GDU = ((Gmin + Gmax)/2) - 10
                    )) %>%

# Summary for each variable

  mutate(# Duration of interval (days)
         Dur = Weather %>% map(~nrow(.)),
```

```

# Accumulated PP (mm)
PP = Weather %>% map(~sum(.$PP)),
# Mean Temp (C)
Tmean = Weather %>% map(~mean(.$Tmean)),
# Accumulated Rad (MJ/m2)
Rad = Weather %>% map(~sum(.$Rad)),
# Accumulated VPD (kPa)
VPD = Weather %>% map(~sum(.$VPD)),
# Accumulated ETO (mm)
ETO_HS = Weather %>% map(~sum(.$ETO_HS)),
# Number of ETE (#)
ETE = Weather %>% map(~sum(.$ETEI)),
# Number of EPE (#)
EPE = Weather %>% map(~sum(.$EPEI)),
# Accumulated Crop Heat Units (CHU)
CHU = Weather %>% map(~sum(.$Yavg)),
# Shannon Diversity Index for PP
SDI = Weather %>% map(~diversity(.$PP, index="shannon")/
                      log(length(.$PP))),
# Accumulated Growing Degree Days (GDD)
GDD = Weather %>% map(~sum(.$GDU)) %>%

# Additional indices and final units
dplyr::select(-Weather) %>% unnest() %>%
mutate(# Photo-thermal quotient (Q)
       Q_chu = Rad/CHU,
       Q_gdd = Rad/GDD,
       # Abundant and Well Distributed Water
       AWDR = PP*SDI)
}

```

4.2 Summary function - CHIRPS.

```
#####  
  
# Defining function to summarize CHIRPS data  
summary.chirps <- function(input, intervals) {  
  
  intervals %>%  
  
  # Merging weather data  
  left_join(input %>%  
  # Nesting weather data back for each site-ID  
  dplyr::select(c(ID, Crop, Site, Date, PP)) %>%  
  group_by(ID,Crop,Site) %>% nest(.key = 'Weather') %>% ungroup() %>%  
  
  mutate(Weather = pmap(list(x = Start.in,y = End.in, data = Weather),  
    function(x, y, data){  
      filter(data, Date >= x & Date < y)} ) ) %>%  
  
  mutate(Weather = Weather %>% # User must addapt depending on the crop  
    map(~mutate(., EPEi = case_when(PP>25~1, TRUE~0) # Ext. Prec. event  
      ) ) ) %>%  
  
  # Summary for each variable  
  
  mutate(# Duration of interval (days)  
    Dur = Weather %>% map(~nrow(.)),  
    # Accumulated PP (mm)  
    PP = Weather %>% map(~sum(.$PP)),  
    # Number of EPE (#)  
    EPE = Weather %>% map(~sum(.$EPEi)) ,  
    # Shannon Diversity Index for precipitation data  
    SDI = Weather %>% map(~diversity(.$PP, index="shannon")/  
      log(length(.$PP)))) %>%  
  
  # Additional indices and final units  
  dplyr::select(-Weather) %>% unnest() %>%  
  mutate(AWDR = PP*SDI) # Abundant and Well Distributed Water  
  
}
```

4.3 DAYMET summary

```
# Run the summary
# input = dataframe containing the data (from daymet or nasapower).
# intervals = type of intervals (season, custom or even)
df.summary.daymet <-
  summary.daymet.nasapower(input = df.weather.daymet,
                           intervals = custom)

kbl(df.summary.daymet) %>%
  kable_styling(font_size = 7, position = "center", latex_options = c("scale_down"))
```

ID	Site	Interval	Name	Start.in	End.in	Crop	Dur	PP	Tmean	Rad	VPD	ETO_HS	ETE	EPE	CHU	SDI	GDD	Q_chu	Q_gdd	AWDR
1	Scandia	A	Prev	2002-03-26	2002-04-24	Corn	29	38.20	11.685900	553.6734	13.69862	108.00850	5	0	517.2172	0.4800688	145.620	1.0704853	3.802180	18.338628
1	Scandia	B	Plant-Flo	2002-04-25	2002-07-14	Corn	80	198.69	20.843250	1683.1232	127.84635	453.11234	37	1	2996.6882	0.5559818	852.210	0.5616611	1.975010	110.468026
1	Scandia	C	Flo-SeFi	2002-07-15	2002-08-14	Corn	30	52.26	28.066667	609.8361	69.27578	205.86950	28	0	1686.1824	0.4436756	452.625	0.3616668	1.347332	23.186485
1	Scandia	D	SeFi-End	2002-08-15	2002-09-30	Corn	46	64.35	22.307391	760.6737	74.80019	209.14710	24	1	1896.7187	0.3467073	536.965	0.4010472	1.416617	22.310618
2	Belleville	A	Prev	2005-09-15	2005-10-14	Wheat	29	89.20	18.093448	420.3018	39.98581	99.43622	9	1	905.3896	0.0473277	252.420	0.4642220	1.665089	4.221631
2	Belleville	B	Plant-Flo	2005-10-15	2006-04-14	Wheat	181	148.46	4.269309	1842.2036	93.24580	312.03325	2	1	1293.4542	0.5072027	126.775	1.4242511	14.531285	75.299308
2	Belleville	C	Flo-SeFi	2006-04-15	2006-04-30	Wheat	15	40.26	14.125333	284.2412	11.47954	63.41565	1	0	328.2973	0.4582681	91.560	0.8658043	3.104425	18.449873
2	Belleville	D	SeFi-End	2006-05-01	2006-06-20	Wheat	50	107.63	20.361390	1068.3180	74.36166	287.09083	19	0	1817.9448	0.5452137	508.210	0.3876680	2.102178	58.681355
3	Ottawa	A	Prev	2010-04-20	2010-05-19	Soy	29	196.54	14.749483	488.6842	35.02715	109.20673	0	3	599.4266	0.5518063	153.545	0.8152528	3.182677	108.452003
3	Ottawa	B	Plant-Flo	2010-05-20	2010-07-04	Soy	45	175.50	24.475333	941.0043	99.79490	255.56661	21	4	2047.2903	0.5132675	628.560	0.4596340	1.497079	90.078442
3	Ottawa	C	Flo-SeFi	2010-07-05	2010-08-14	Soy	40	172.16	27.600500	761.1400	106.85095	231.35308	33	2	2135.6287	0.5709079	635.065	0.3564009	1.198523	98.287501
3	Ottawa	D	SeFi-End	2010-08-15	2010-10-10	Soy	56	190.23	21.037321	885.1340	95.86908	230.17417	18	2	2113.2837	0.5153631	613.730	0.4188430	1.442221	98.037530

```
# Exporting data as a .csv file
# Daymet
write.csv(df.summary.daymet, row.names = F, na='',
         file = paste0(path, 'Summary_daymet.csv'))
```

4.4 NASA-POWER summary

```
# Run the summary
# data = dataframe containing the data (from daymet or nasapower).
# intervals = type of intervals (season, custom or even)
df.summary.nasapower <-
  summary.daymet.nasapower(input = df.weather.nasapower,
                           intervals = custom)

kbl(df.summary.nasapower) %>%
  kable_styling(font_size = 7, position = "center", latex_options = c("scale_down"))
```

ID	Site	Interval	Name	Start.in	End.in	Crop	Dur	PP	Tmean	Rad	VPD	ET0_HS	ETE	EPE	CHU	SDI	GDD	Q_chu	Q_gdd	AWDR
1	Scandia	A	Prev	2002-03-26	2002-04-24	Corn	29	40.41	12.000862	539.31	19.36580	108.10773	3	0	526.4603	0.6752988	145.805	1.0244078	3.698844	27.28882
1	Scandia	B	Plant-Flo	2002-04-25	2002-07-14	Corn	80	191.12	21.604625	1759.25	99.02537	463.93380	39	1	3147.8183	0.7616254	891.975	0.5588791	1.972309	145.56185
1	Scandia	C	Flo-SeFi	2002-07-15	2002-08-14	Corn	30	61.90	29.319000	719.36	71.80175	207.10434	29	0	1774.0018	0.6549487	476.255	0.4055013	1.510451	40.54133
1	Scandia	D	SeFi-End	2002-08-15	2002-09-30	Corn	46	85.40	23.086739	825.83	64.10093	207.25658	25	1	1973.7204	0.6707515	558.635	0.4184129	1.478300	57.28218
2	Belleville	A	Prev	2005-09-15	2005-10-14	Wheat	29	34.16	18.752241	450.42	26.32645	97.08391	10	0	931.8973	0.3925158	264.475	0.4833365	1.703072	13.40834
2	Belleville	B	Plant-Flo	2005-10-15	2006-04-14	Wheat	181	170.29	4.927400	2019.34	65.75696	302.54437	1	1	1228.8620	0.5970578	98.965	1.6432602	20.404588	101.67297
2	Belleville	C	Flo-SeFi	2006-04-15	2006-04-30	Wheat	15	38.10	15.024000	310.06	11.95981	64.26104	1	0	351.3449	0.5179927	97.155	0.8824946	3.191395	19.73552
2	Belleville	D	SeFi-End	2006-05-01	2006-06-20	Wheat	50	134.11	21.290300	1165.59	62.38361	288.52675	24	0	1926.2308	0.7085698	544.155	0.6051144	2.142018	95.02629
3	Ottawa	A	Prev	2010-04-20	2010-05-19	Soy	29	173.57	14.777586	522.60	12.35072	114.60773	0	3	610.7046	0.6584440	158.700	0.8557328	3.293006	114.28013
3	Ottawa	B	Plant-Flo	2010-05-20	2010-07-04	Soy	45	208.47	23.932090	1049.16	36.93406	239.63254	14	3	1970.7530	0.6811555	619.515	0.5329650	1.693518	142.00049
3	Ottawa	C	Flo-SeFi	2010-07-05	2010-08-14	Soy	40	169.12	26.962250	938.65	30.34546	209.15967	30	2	2046.0128	0.6828772	638.375	0.4587704	1.470374	115.48819
3	Ottawa	D	SeFi-End	2010-08-15	2010-10-10	Soy	56	219.47	21.315446	NA	42.69979	223.86218	17	1	2127.6913	0.6374600	629.340	NA	NA	139.90334

```
# Exporting data as a .csv file
write.csv(df.summary.nasapower, row.names = F, na='',
          file = paste0(path, 'Summary_nasapower.csv'))
```

4.5 CHIRPS summary

```
# Run the summary
# data = dataframe containing the data.
# intervals = type of intervals (season, custom or even)

df.summary.chirps <-
  summary.chirps(input = df.weather.chirps,
                 intervals = custom)

# Creating a table to visualize results
kbl(df.summary.chirps) %>%
  kable_styling(font_size = 7, position = "center", latex_options = c("scale_down"))
```

ID	Site	Interval	Name	Start.in	End.in	Crop	Dur	PP	EPE	SDI	AWDR
1	Scandia	A	Prev	2002-03-26	2002-04-24	Corn	29	34.66944	0	0.3114334	10.797223
1	Scandia	B	Plant-Flo	2002-04-25	2002-07-14	Corn	80	195.22630	1	0.6073623	118.573094
1	Scandia	C	Flo-SeFi	2002-07-15	2002-08-14	Corn	30	72.27709	0	0.6120070	44.234083
1	Scandia	D	SeFi-End	2002-08-15	2002-09-30	Corn	46	78.97220	1	0.3832844	30.268813
2	Belleville	A	Prev	2005-09-15	2005-10-14	Wheat	29	21.30135	0	0.3096348	6.595638
2	Belleville	B	Plant-Flo	2005-10-15	2006-04-14	Wheat	181	188.89972	1	0.5865065	110.790913
2	Belleville	C	Flo-SeFi	2006-04-15	2006-04-30	Wheat	15	31.88896	0	0.3843310	12.255917
2	Belleville	D	SeFi-End	2006-05-01	2006-06-20	Wheat	50	125.31568	0	0.7156719	89.684915
3	Ottawa	A	Prev	2010-04-20	2010-05-19	Soy	29	159.14508	3	0.5866904	93.368889
3	Ottawa	B	Plant-Flo	2010-05-20	2010-07-04	Soy	45	198.73473	1	0.6000652	119.253787
3	Ottawa	C	Flo-SeFi	2010-07-05	2010-08-14	Soy	40	164.25588	2	0.3220948	52.905962
3	Ottawa	D	SeFi-End	2010-08-15	2010-10-10	Soy	56	202.29837	3	0.5145636	104.095369

```
# Exporting data as a .csv file
write.csv(df.summary.chirps, row.names = F, na='',
          file = paste0(path, 'Summary_chirps.csv'))
```

5 HISTORICAL WEATHER

5.1 Historical “weather.daymet”

For retrieving historical weather, user must specify the input containing the historical target dates by site.

```
# Specify input = dataframe containing historical dates from sites

weather.daymet(input = df.historical) -> hist.weather.daymet

# Exporting data as a .csv file
write.csv(hist.weather.daymet, row.names = F, na='',
          file = paste0(path, 'Hist_output_daymet.csv'))

#View(hist.weather.daymet)
```

5.2 Historical “weather.nasapower”

```
# Specify input = dataframe containing historical dates from sites

weather.nasapower(input = df.historical) -> hist.weather.nasapower

# Exporting data as a .csv file
write.csv(hist.weather.nasapower, row.names = F, na='',
          file = paste0(path, 'Hist_output_nasapower.csv'))

#View(hist.weather.nasapower)
```

5.3 Historical “weather.chirps”

```
# Specify input = dataframe containing historical dates from sites

weather.chirps(input = df.historical) -> hist.weather.chirps

# Exporting data as a .csv file
write.csv(hist.weather.chirps, row.names = F, na='',
          file = paste0(path, 'Hist_output_chirps.csv'))

#View(hist.weather.chirps)
```

5.4 Intervals functions

```
# Defining function to summarize historical weather (years)
historical.years <- function(hist.data) {

# By year
hist.data %>% group_by(ID,Year) %>%
  dplyr::select(ID, Crop, Site, latitude, longitude, Start, End, Date, Year, Month) %>%
  summarise(Start.in = min(Date),
            End.in = max(Date))

}

# Defining function to summarize historical weather (years & months)
historical.years.months <- function(hist.data) {

# By year*month
hist.data %>% group_by(ID, Year, Month) %>%
  dplyr::select(ID, Crop, Site, latitude, longitude, Start, End, Date, Year, Month) %>%
  summarise(Start.in = min(Date),
            End.in = max(Date))

}
```

5.5 DAYMET Historical summary

Summary can be obtained by years or by years.months. User must specify this option at the “intervals” argument of the summary function.

5.5.1 Intervals

```
# Specify hist.data = dataframe containing the historical weather data to summarize
years = historical.years(hist.data = hist.weather.daymet)

# Specify hist.data = dataframe containing the historical weather data to summarize
years.months = historical.years.months(hist.data = hist.weather.daymet)
```

5.5.2 Summary

```
# input = dataframe containing the historical weather data.
# intervals = type of historical intervals (years, years.months)
```


5.6.1 Intervals

```
# Specify hist.data = dataframe containing the historical weather data to summarize
years = historical.years(hist.data = hist.weather.nasapower)

# Specify hist.data = dataframe containing the historical weather data to summarize
years.months = historical.years.months(hist.data = hist.weather.nasapower)

# Run the summary
# input = dataframe containing the historical weather data.
# intervals = type of historical intervals (years, years.months)
```

5.6.2 Summary

```
# input = dataframe containing the historical weather data.
# intervals = type of historical intervals (years, years.months)

# Summarizing historical weather
historical.summary.nasapower <-
  summary.daymet.nasapower(input = hist.weather.nasapower,
                           intervals = years)

# Creating a table to visualize the data
kbl(historical.summary.nasapower) %>%
  kable_styling(font_size = 7, position = "center", latex_options = c("scale_down"))
```



```
# Run the summary  
# input = dataframe containing the historical weather data.  
# intervals = type of historical intervals (years, years.months)
```

5.7.2 Summary

```
# input = dataframe containing the historical weather data.  
# intervals = type of historical intervals (years, years.months)  
  
# Summarizing historical weather  
historical.summary.chirps <-  
  summary.chirps(input = hist.weather.chirps,  
                intervals = years)  
  
# Creating a table to visualize the data  
kbl(historical.summary.chirps) %>%  
  kable_styling(font_size = 7, position = "center", latex_options = c("scale_down"))
```



```
# Exporting data as a .csv file  
# Daymet  
write.csv(historical.summary.chirps, row.names = F, na='',  
          file = paste0(path, 'Historical_summary_chirps.csv'))
```

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